



### **Purpose Statement**

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### **News for Sunday September 17**

**Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

**followed by Sunday School Rally day with stations and activities for kids of all ages and cook out**

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**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Linda Newlyn, MacKenzie Gorman, Kathy Whitlock, Cheryl Gorman, Shirley Graftaas, Julia Scott, Marilyn Verbout, Bob Cornelsen, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Harold & Sandy Julifs, Jim Brotheridge, Lila Edeus, Lori Dewey, and Berta Beyer.

**Placing our confidence** in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Francis Verbout. Francis passed away on Tuesday, September 12. A private family service will be held at a later date.

*May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.*

**Pastor Makayla will be attending** the Professional Leader's Conference this week from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday. Pastor Christina Berry will be covering any emergencies.

### **Faith Formation Rally Day Sept 17**

Sunday School Rally day with stations and activities for kids of all ages and cook out.

### **Quilt Blessing Sept 17**

Thank you to everyone who helps make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are sent all over the world. We will bless this year's quilts before we sent them off in worship Sept 17.

### **Lutheran World Relief**

Thank you for filling the school backpacks and for your donations of materials to be used within the quilts. The backpacks were displayed on August 20, 2023, during the blessing of the backpacks. They will be packaged and shipped with the quilts and personal care kits at a later date. 106 backpacks were filled.

The quilts will be displayed and blessed on September 17, during our Sunday service. 135 quilts will be sent overseas. Our children's offering during the month of August went towards shipping charges. A total of \$260 was collected. Additional monetary donations can be designated for LWR shipping charges by using the envelope that is attached to the quilts. A total of approximately \$505 is needed to ship both the quilts and backpacks.

Our next quilting day will be September 20 to tie and sew our quilts. Please join us in the social hall between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you have questions contact Dawn Waite at 815-631-8142 or Debbie O'Brien, 815-441-0257.

**Thank you so much** for the cards, calls and prayers that I received during my last surgery, They are greatly appreciated. ~ Cheryl Gorman

### **Save the Date!**

St. Paul Family and Friends, please save the date for November 5 immediately following worship for a baby shower honoring Pastor Makayla and Jacob Dahleen!"

### **Register for the St. Paul, Sterling team at the LOMC Donut 5k!**

St. Paul is sponsoring a team for the LOMC Autumn Fest Donut Fun 5K on Oct 14.

Run/Walk/Hike with us at LOMC at 10am. Use this link to register with our "St. Paul, Sterling" team.

<https://lomc.org/5k/#form>

Even if you cannot join us on the day you can still sponsor the team! Register by Sept 22 to receive a shirt.

### **Adult Bible Study**

Our book study of *Don't You Care That we Are Drowning* has concluded. Next Sunday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. at Immanuel in Rock Falls, Brian Spahr will present Stories and Songs. All are welcome. If you did not have a chance to read this book, it is available on Amazon. You can use the following link:

[https://www.amazon.com/Dont-Drowning-Other-Unexpected-Prayers/dp/B09QNYKK8C/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=1DO9O3YB7Z9G9&keywords=dont+you+care+that+we+are+drowning&qid=1694627229&srefix=dont+you+care+that+we+are+%2Caps%2C398&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Dont-Drowning-Other-Unexpected-Prayers/dp/B09QNYKK8C/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1DO9O3YB7Z9G9&keywords=dont+you+care+that+we+are+drowning&qid=1694627229&srefix=dont+you+care+that+we+are+%2Caps%2C398&sr=8-1)

**Youth Service Night opportunity at St. John's.** On Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm youth from St. John's, St. Paul, and Immanuel will be helping pack LWR School Kits. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Please come out to help assemble these resources that support our siblings down the street and around the world.

**6-8th graders: The Fall Retreat at LOMC November 17-18!** This overnight adventure involves digging into God's word and creation while sleeping in a cabin at LOMC! Cost is \$65. If you are interested in attending this retreat please let Pastor know by September 15. We will be attending with a few other churches in the area and sharing chaperones among our churches. If you would like to participate and have financial need please speak with Pastor privately. Please note Hometown Holidays in Rock Falls is November 17.

### **Greencastle of Sterling**

Greencastle of Sterling is having a "Pantry and Supply Drive" on September 18, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. Their address is: 15 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Even though their residents have income there is often little left to cover their basic needs – food & nutrition, daily household items. They are seeking donations of: Dairy Products; Fresh, frozen and canned Meats; Canned fruits and vegetables (shelf stable); Sugar & Creamer, Flour, Cake mixes; "Box" meals (i.e. hamburger helper); Freezer meals; Shelf stable beverages (juice, water, coffee, tea, hot cocoa); Paper products (all types; plates, bowls, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex); Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, incontinence products).

### **Children's Offering**

**Throughout September we will be receiving a special Children's Offering to support "Celebrating Families" being led by LSSI!** Celebrating Families is a successful, evidence-based 16-week curriculum that addresses the needs of children and parents in families that have serious problems with alcohol and other drugs. Each session begins with a family meal, followed by family members breaking into age groups for developmentally appropriate activities led by the group facilitators. At the end of each session, all family members re-connect in activities to learn how to apply these new skills and interact in healthy ways. Celebrating Families empowers by teaching healthy living skills like anger management, communication, healthy living and nutrition, and problem/goal setting. **Your donations will help make this life changing program possible! Thanks in advance for your generous giving!**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Wednesday, September 20**

LWR Quilting day – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Thursday, September 21**

October newsletter article deadline

Church office will be closed

#### **Friday, September 22**

Church office will be closed

#### **Next Sunday, September 24**

Worship/Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Stories and Songs by Brian Spahr at Immanuel at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Next week – September 24**

Presider – Pastor Scott Stolberg

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Stacey Avelar

Acolytes – Avelar family

Greeters – Janie Billings, Karen Wright

Ushers – Keith Peugh, Jim Gorman

Reader – Keith Peugh

Sound – Jim Gorman

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*